

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 9, 11, 14-15, 17-18, 24 and 34-42 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 39, 40 and 42 are currently amended, Claims 34-38 are canceled without prejudice, and Claims 2-5, 9, 11, 14-15, 17-18, 24 and 41 remain unchanged. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2-5, 9, 11, 14-15, 17-18 and 24 and indication that Claims 40 and 41 include allowable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 40 is allowable. Dependent Claims 39, 41 and 42 depend from independent Claim 40 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Applicants note that the list of allowed claims in the Final Office action dated November 18, 2005 omitted Claim 2. Applicants respectfully request that Claim 2 be included among the allowed claims

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 39-42, in addition to previously allowed Claims 2-5, 9, 11, 14-15, 17-18 and 24, are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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